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Newsletter



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Tiger in the Storm



It was lovely for us to be able to see so many of you over the last couple of days during our Zoom Consultations. We hope you found them useful and informative. We will conclude our cycle of feedback to parents this year with a written report at the end of the Summer Term.

We know there have been some great positives of Zoom Consultations - making things easier with childcare, parents being able to attend a consultation from the workplace without having to rush back to Barton or being able to attend from locations around the country rather than miss out. As with many lessons learned during the pandemic, these are some positives we can take forward.

One drawback though was not being able to see the children's classrooms and the work they have completed. I know I have seen a number of pieces of children's work being photocopied so school can share their achievements with parents. I have also included here a photograph of a wonderful

piece of artwork from 5H, which came out of their 'Values' work - I was thoroughly impressed with their demonstration of the value of **collaboration** where each child worked to produce a small part of a bigger picture called: Tiger in the Storm.

Y6 Leavers

Parents of Y6 children should have received information earlier this week about Leavers' Hoodies, Leavers' Yearbook and our Circus Skills Day on Friday 14th May.

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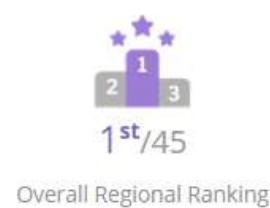
Please note the deadline for Hoodies and Yearbook information is also Friday 14th May.

Y3 to Packington Farm

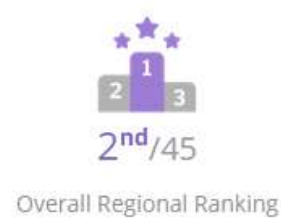
I'm not sure whether it's the children or the staff who are most excited about the fact that we are able to start re-introducing activities such as trips now the restrictions are being lifted! We are delighted to have our Y3s out at the farm on Monday or Tuesday next week. Fingers crossed for nice weather.

SplashLearn - Springboard Challenge 2021

5K:



5H:



America's biggest maths challenge in the UK, lasted for 10 weeks over 12 regions from 1st March to the 9th of May. Our children have worked together as classes and competed against other classes around the country. In total, there were 484 classes from the UK in this competition.

They have played games to cover all the different Maths curriculum strands, from place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and decimals to shape. They worked together to stay at the top of the leader board which helped bridge learning gaps and master their maths skills.

Currently 5K are at 1st overall UK ranking at 39,631 points and 5H are 3rd overall UK ranking at 27,481 points. Regionally 5K are 1st, 5H are 2nd, 4P are 5th, 4H are 7th, 6P are 8th and 6M are 10th. All of our children have worked extremely hard over the period of 10 weeks to keep momentum. The competition closes on Sunday 9th of May, so please do give it a last push over this weekend - to keep hold of our positions or BEAT Mr Harris!!

Best wishes, Mrs Sharpe